

Citizens Clean Elections Commission
Executive Director Report
December 2, 2005 (for 12/14/05 meeting)

Announcements

- The Secretary of State has announced the 2006 Campaign Finance Software is now available.
- Secretary of State Brewer's Staff will be handling the recruitment of the new Commission member. We will independently advertise the opening on our website and encourage interested parties to contact the SOS office.
- I will be making a presentation regarding clean elections at the COGEL conference on December 7 and I will provide an update to the Commissioners.

Participation

We currently have **33** participating candidates for the 2006 election cycle.

Budget

- The Fund Balance is \$25.4 million as of November 30th.
- We received \$7,380 in tax donations for November.
- Our 2006 Calendar Year Budget is on today's agenda for your approval.

Voter Education

- We have received nine applications to date, with the promise of more to come from previous sponsors.
- Participating candidate workshop ads continue to run weekly in The Capitol Times and the postcards continue to be sent out on a regular basis.
- As of 12/14 we will have held 8 participating candidate and treasurer workshops. Through 6 workshops, 69 candidates, interested candidates, staff, and treasurers have attended.

Staffing

- We are excited that Christina Murphy has accepted the administrative assistant III position with the Commission. Christina Murphy started on November 29 and is already working on ways to improve our filing and case management systems.
- We have completed interviews for the administrative assistant II position and the new person should be hired by the Christmas holiday.

Enforcement

Enforcement tracking spreadsheet will be included in the packets for more detail. Here are the updated totals:

- 2006 - 2 complaints filed and no action was taken. I will be reviewing the 2006 complaints as they arise.
- 2004 - 80 complaints total.
 - 1 internally generated complaint under review (Ableser).
 - 3 under investigation (Cheuvront, Murphy & Dial).
 - 4 investigation complete, matters outstanding (Smith, Murchison, Hammann & Hernandez)
 - 72 completed and closed.